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SUBJECT: BELGIUM: COUNTRY CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR THE VISIT
OF OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY DIRECTOR JOHN P.
WALTERS AND DELEGATION

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Classified By: INL COUNSELOR JAMES P. MCANULTY FOR REASONS IN
SECTIONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

¶1. COUNTRY CLEARANCE IS GRANTED FOR THE APRIL 9-11, 2008
VISIT TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM OF JOHN P. WALTERS, DIRECTOR OF
THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY (ONDCP) AND
DELEGATION, INCLUDING BRIAN BLAKE, ONDCP DEPUTY CHIEF OF
STAFF; PATRICK M WARD, ONDCP ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
SUPPLY REDUCTION; THOMAS RILEY, ONDCP ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC AFFAIRS; JENNIFER L. DEVALLANCE, ONDCP PRESS
SECRETARY; AND BRICE MIDDLETON, ONDCP POLICY ANALYST TO VISIT

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WITH EUROPEAN UNION AND NATO OFFICIALS REGARDING US
COUNTERNARCOTICS ISSUES.

¶2. THE USEU CONTROL OFFICER IS JAMES P. MCANULTY, USEU
COUNSELOR FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
(INL) AFFAIRS. MR. MCANULTY CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE (OFFICE)
32-2-508-2672 AND (CELLULAR) 32-475-816-909. ALL NUMBERS CAN
BE REACHED THROUGH THE TRI-MISSION 24 HOUR SWITCHBOARD
32-2-508-2111.

¶3. THE MISSION IS SETTING UP APPROPRIATE MEETINGS AS
REQUESTED. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND
TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT, HOTEL, AND MEETINGS WILL BE
PROVIDED.

¶4. BELGIUM REMAINS A RELATIVELY SAFE COUNTRY BUT AS A RESULT
OF THE WAR IN IRAQ, AND SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY ITS CITIZENS
AGAINST THE WAR, AMERICAN VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE
CAUTION AND AVOID ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS. ALSO, IT IS
PRUDENT NOT TO WEAR CLOTHES OR CARRY ARTICLES WITH LOGOS AND
EMBLEMMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES. BY TAKING
REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS, VISITORS SHOULD ENJOY AN UNEVENTFUL
STAY. HOWEVER, PURSE SNATCHING AND PICK POCKETING BY
PROFESSIONAL THIEVES IS OCCURRING MORE FREQUENTLY. IN
BRUSSELS, PICK POCKETING AND PURSE SNATCHING ARE PREVALENT IN
THE METRO SYSTEM, (SUBWAY, BUS, TRAM), AND AT BRUSSELS' THREE
MAJOR TRAIN STATIONS, THE GARE DU NORD (NORTH STATION), GARE
CENTRALE (CENTRAL STATION) AND ESPECIALLY THE GARE DU MIDI
(SOUTH STATION). EXTRA CAUTION SHOULD BE USED AT THE GARE DU
MIDI STATION. VICTIMS HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE BY

SOMEONE WHO APPEARED LOST AND ANXIOUS TO CATCH THEIR TRAIN OR OTHERWISE DISTRACTED BY A FIRST CRIMINAL. AS THE VICTIM RESPONDS TO THE REQUEST, A SECOND PERSON STEALS LAPTOP COMPUTERS, BAGS, AND OTHER ITEMS. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, THIS IS A NEW STRATEGY BY CRIMINAL GANGS OPERATING AT CENTRAL STATION. APPARENTLY THEY PREFER PLATFORMS 3 AND 4, USED BY TRAINS GOING TO THE AIRPORT AND OBVIOUSLY CARRYING THE BEST CATEGORY OF POTENTIAL VICTIMS.

15. VALUABLES SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES AND CAR DOORS SHOULD ALWAYS BE KEPT LOCKED WHEN DRIVING. CARRY ONLY A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF CASH, CREDIT CARDS, AND ID. EXPENSIVE JEWELRY, FINANCIAL RECORDS, ADDRESS BOOKS, AND OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS SHOULD BE LEFT AT HOME OR STORED IN A SAFE PLACE DURING YOUR VISIT. THE EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR THE POLICE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ARE 101 AND 100 RESPECTIVELY AND FOR CELLULAR PHONES (LOCALLY) 112. VISITORS TO BELGIUM REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT THE BRUSSELS REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE AT 322-508-2370.

16. COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS USAGE: INTER-AGENCY SECURITY STANDARDS PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OR USE OF NON-USG OWNED COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AT ALL USG DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES. CELL PHONES, PALM PILOTS, RADIOS AND OTHER CONVENIENCE ELECTRONICS ARE PROHIBITED IN ALL SECURE AREAS OF THE MISSION. TRAVELERS WHO ANTICIPATE HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS IN TERMS OF EITHER ACCESS OR COMPUTER USAGE SHOULD CONTACT THE RSO OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING AT POST.

17. SYSTEMS ACCESS: IF YOU ARE A DOS EMPLOYEE AND WOULD LIKE TO ACCESS OPENNET DURING YOUR VISIT (WITHOUT TAKING THE 30 MINUTE SYSTEMS SECURITY BRIEFING), PLEASE BRING CONFIRMATION THAT YOU HAVE ATTENDED WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, THE "SECURITY AWARENESS BRIEFING ON OPENNET PLUS". THIS CAN BE A COPY OF THE FORM YOU SIGNED WHEN YOU TOOK THE BRIEFING, A SIGNED MEMORANDUM FROM YOUR SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR OR ISSO, OR AN

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E-MAIL MESSAGE FROM YOUR SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR OR ISSO TO "EMBASSY BRUSSELS E-MAIL-DL" ISC OFFICE BRUSSELS.

18. ACTION REQUEST: FISCAL DATA. EACH VISITOR, REGARDLESS OF LENGTH OF STAY, MUST BRING/FORWARD FISCAL DATA TO PAY FOR DIRECT COSTS OF THE VISIT. EACH AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR VISITING DELEGATION WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE ACTUAL COST ATTRIBUTED TO ITS VISIT. DIRECT CHARGE COSTS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: AMERICAN AND LES OVERTIME (FOR SUCH SERVICES AS AIRPORT EXPEDITING, CASHIER ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE, CONTROL ROOM STAFFING, REPRESENTATIONAL EVENT SUPPORT), TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS INCURRED BY POST PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF VISITOR'S FIELD TRAVEL, RENTAL OF VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT, LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS, OFFICE SUPPLIES, GASOLINE AND OTHER VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COSTS, DEPARTURE TAX AND OTHER AIRPORT FEES AS APPROPRIATE. FOR TDYERS REMAINING AT POST FOR OVER 30 DYS, THERE IS A CHARGE FOR ICASS SUPPORT SERVICS. THIS CHARGE IS FOR THE FOLLOWING ICASS SERVICES: BASIC PACKAGE, CLO AND HEALTH SERVICES. AGENCIES WILL NOT BE BILLED UNTIL THE ACCUMULATED INVOICE COST FOR TDY SUPPORT EXCEEDS \$2,500 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. IF YOUR SPONSORING AGENCY IS NOT SIGNED UP FOR ICASS SERVICES AT POST, PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ICASS SUPPORT SERVICES UPON ARRIVAL. THE AGENCY SHOULD PROVIDE POST WITH A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, GENERATED BY THE TRAVELER'S HEADQUARTERS, THAT CONFIRMS THE AGENCY WILL PAY ICASS CHARGES FOR THE TDYER, PROVIDES THE AGENCY ICASS BILLING CODE, THE TDY SUPPORT CHARGES SHOULD BE APPLIED TO, AND AUTHORIZES THE TRAVELER TO SIGN THE ICASS INVOICE GENERATED BY THE TDY MODULE. WHERE TRAVEL IS URGENT, THE TDYER SHOULD BRING THIS DOCUMENTATION WITH HIM/HER TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO INTERRUPTIONS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICE. POST WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY SERVICE TO A TDYER STAYING IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS WITHOUT PROVISION OF THIS DOCUMENTATION BEFORE DAY 31 OF THE TDY.

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